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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI:

QUOTE: IN SORROW AND COMPASSION I EXTEND MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ALDO MORO. HIS SENSELESS, PROLONGED AGONY MADE MORE ACUTE THE SHOCK AND BITTERNESS OF THE EMOTIONS I SHARE DEEPLY WITH YOU TODAY.

I WISH ALSO TO TELL YOU OF THE ENDURING RESPECT IN WHICH I SHALL HOLD THE MEMORY OF ALDO MORO. HE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMON PURPOSE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND AMONG THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THESE ACHIEVEMENTS CANNOT BE STRUCK DOWN BY THOSE WHO WOULD REPLACE THEM WITH BLOODSHED, TURMOIL AND DESTRUCTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATHER, THEY ARE THE CONTINUING STANDARD BY WHICH WE SHALL MEASURE THE SADDENING LOSS OF ALDO MORO.

IN THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT FOR ITALIAN DEMOCRACY, YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MY GOVERNMENT AND OF ALL AMERICANS FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO DEFEND THE VALUES AND IDEALS OF FREE SOCIETIES AGAINST THE NEW BARBARISM OF

INTERNATIONAL TERROR. CYRUS VANCE END QUOTE.

2. UNLESS ITALIANS OBJECT, DEPARTMENT PLANS RELEASE AT NEXT NOON BRIEFING. VANCE

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